

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER RAPER  
COMMISSIONER ANDERSON  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
COMMISSION STAFF

**FROM:** DAYN HARDIE  
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**DATE:** MAY 28, 2021

**SUBJECT:** IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA'S 2021 NATURAL GAS INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN, CASE NO. AVU-G-21-02.

On March 31, 2021, Avista Corporation d/b/a/ Avista Utilities ("Company") filed its 2021 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"). The 2021 IRP identifies a strategic natural gas resource portfolio to meet customer demand requirements over the next 20 years. The Company filed its IRP by the deadline set in Order No. 34697, which extended the Company's typical, August 31, 2020 filing deadline to April 1, 2021. *See* Order No. 34697.

On April 23, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 35021. No parties intervened.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission process this matter by Modified Procedure and establish a July 29, 2021 comment deadline and an August 19, 2021 reply comment deadline. Staff informally discussed the proposed schedule and procedure with the Company. The Company did not object.

### COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to process this matter by Modified Procedure and establish a July 29, 2021 comment deadline and an August 19, 2021 reply comment deadline?



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